

Clerks Union Jury To Probe 12 Charges Against Haskell Tidwell

Boy, 7, Attacked by Cat Faces Rabies Treatment



ATTACKED BY CAT . . . Seven-year-old Jimmy Goree is "sweating it out" today hoping that a cat which attacked and bit him Thursday will be found. The lad faces the painful Pasteur treatment for rabies unless the missing animal is located. Keeping him company while he soaks his elbow is "Tippy," the family pet pup.

Parents Seeking Cat Which Bit Son on Elbow

Painful abdominal injections, a preventive against rabies, faces a seven-year-old Torrance boy unless his parents find a cat which attacked and severely bit the lad last Thursday.

Conducting a search of the neighborhood for the missing cat are Mr. and Mrs. Roy Goree, 23205 Palena Ave., parents of Jimmy, whose elbow was punctured by the frightened animal.

The cat was captured by the boy's father and placed in a cardboard carton pending an examination by health authorities. However, the cat escaped by chewing its way out of the box.

The lad's father described the cat as grey-black with a white chest and paws. It is a rather large male cat and has a tuft of long hair ringing its neck.

Unless the animal is found and determined not to be rabid, the boy must undergo a series of 14 injections into the abdominal muscles. Rabies, once contracted by humans, is incurable and fatal. It may, however, be prevented by the Pasteur treatment of injections.

The animal, strange to the neighborhood, attacked the boy as the lad attempted to pick it up. The cat was being "shooed" out of the Goree's garage by Jimmy's nine-year-old sister, Joyce. Apparently frightened and fearing being cornered, the animal bit the boy several times on the elbow and clawed him before the youngster could let go of it.

Mayor Chace to Assume Darby Post in 10 Days

Long Beach's Mayor Burton W. Chace will be sworn in as a Los Angeles County Supervisor from the Fourth District in about 10 days, it was indicated yesterday following his appointment to succeed the late Raymond V. Darby.

As the new supervisor for the Fourth District, Chace will represent an area including Torrance and most of the beach area from Long Beach to Santa Monica.

His appointment was announced by Gov. Earl Warren over other contenders for the post which included Ken Sampson, chief deputy in the office, and Logan R. Cotton, City of Torrance auditor and South Bay leader.

Early Torrance Resident Dies

Death came early yesterday for one of the early residents of Torrance, Mrs. Ester Ellis, at 2310 W. 229th St. She was a native of Sweden.

The pioneer Torrance resident died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ester Ellis, at 2310 W. 229th St. She was a native of Sweden.

In addition to her daughter here she leaves another daughter, Mrs. Jean Fickett, of San Francisco; two granddaughters, Margery Mounts, of Torrance, and Natalie Rehm, of Ventura; and a grandson, Theodore Smith, of the 229th St. address.

Interment in Roosevelt Memorial Park will follow final rites at the Stone and Myers Chapel Tuesday morning at 10, Rev. Paul Wenske, pastor of the First Lutheran Church of Torrance, will officiate.

Top Industrial Leaders Study Park Problem

A committee of Torrance industry experts has been named to develop a program which will meet Torrance's needs for parks and for recreation, it was announced today by R. I. Plomert Jr., chairman of the Torrance Industries Tax Committee.

This decision was reached at a meeting of the Torrance Industries Tax Committee Friday, March 20, which was addressed by D. D. Parrish, chairman of the Torrance Recreation Commission and commission members Mrs. Mary Boswell and A. J. Patrosky, George W. Stevens, city manager, and Dr. J. H. Felt, superintendent of the Torrance Unified School District, also attended and spoke.

Parrish and his fellow commissioners outlined the city's needs and the recreation problems brought about by a growing population.

Plomert, acting on behalf of the 20 firms who are members of the Torrance Industries Tax Committee, appointed the following members to the special committee which will develop the program.

Fred Hill, chairman, National Supply Company; Reed Parkin, Domancio Corporation; A. L. Puetz, Columbia Geneva Div.; U. S. Steel; Sherwood McIntyre, C. C. M. O. Co.; Henry Creeger, American Radiator and Standard Sanitary, and R. I. Plomert Jr., General Petroleum Corporation.

The special committee was instructed to complete its findings and make recommendations within a two-week period.

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National Guard Launches Drive For Members

Endorsing a month-long recruiting drive currently being made by units of Southern California's 40th National Guard Division, Torrance Mayor Merwin M. Schwab has proclaimed the coming week as "578th Engineer Battalion Week," in recognition of the Torrance-South Bay organization.

"The 40th Infantry Division," reads the proclamation, "has served the nation, the state and citizens of this community in times of national emergency and domestic disaster.

"I urge all citizens of this community to extend every assistance and aid to the 578th Engineer Battalion in its current recruiting campaign . . . and proclaim the period March 23 to 29 as 578th Engineer Battalion Week in Torrance."

The battalion, one company of which was stationed in Torrance prior to its 1950 call to active duty, is currently headquartered at the Manhattan Beach armory.

The Torrance company, according to 40th Division officials, will be moved back to this city as soon as a proposed new armory is completed. Construction of an armory here has been requested by the State Adjutant General's office and will be decided by the State Legislature during its current session.

Enlistment in a National Guard unit, 40th Commander Major General Daniel H. Udelson pointed out this week, offers an "excellent and beneficial" obligation of young men in Southern California.

Wins Flower Show Award

Torrance Terrace Garden Club members walked off with their second third award for flower arranging at the International Flower Show in Inglewood Friday.

The prize-winning arrangement was of Bird of Paradise blossoms and logan leaves set in a Chinese brass bowl.

A display of succulents and petrified wood won the local club a third award on Tuesday.



AT ATOM BLAST . . . Present at the Army's current atomic maneuvers at Camp Desert Rock, Nev., is Army Sergeant First Class Sylvester Macrorie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Riggles, of 2042 Kathy Way. A veteran of Korean fighting, Sgt. Macrorie is now a member of Company B of the 412th Engineer Construction Battalion. His unit is one of the key elements taking part in the atomic tests at the Nevada Proving Grounds.

Town Meeting Slated For Local Questions

Plans for an old-fashioned town meeting were being formulated this week by officers of the Torrance Republican Club which have set the date for the forum on May 4.

The club has written to city officials, heads of city departments, clerks, engineers, school officials, and other civic leaders in an effort to line up a panel of experts to answer questions on local problems.

The meeting will be conducted by a moderator, according to R. G. Miller, president of the sponsoring group, and questions put to the panel will be in written form only, Miller said.

He indicated that this method was adopted to keep such a meeting from degenerating into a verbal squabble between opposing factions on any one question.

Several high placed city officials have already indicated their willingness to appear on such a panel, Miller said.

The location of the meeting will be announced at a later date.

Tidwell Challenged At Stormy Meeting

The fate of Haskell Tidwell, militant secretary-treasurer of San Pedro Retail Clerks Union, was placed in the hands of a five-man "jury" of member clerks following a stormy 2 1/2-hour meeting Thursday night.

The jury is to hear evidence of 12 complaints of irregularities in office brought by Wally Elliott, union president and business agent, and two other business agents, John and Danny Anderson, brothers.

It was reported that the complaints demanding the ouster of Tidwell questioned the use of union funds, Tidwell's behavior as a union officer, and the diversion of funds sent by the international for purposes other than those for which they were intended.

Speaking in defense of himself against alleged charges that he has been drinking on the job, Tidwell told the approximately 900 attending members:

"It doesn't matter if I walked in there on my hands. We got the money, didn't we?" His statement was received with hearty applause. At the outset of the meeting some of the members said there was a strong sentiment that their secretary-treasurer of nearly two decades was "being pushed around." However, after hearing some of the charges, the members failed to give Tidwell a vote of confidence on two issues.

PROCEDURE EXPLAINED Chairman Womack explained the procedure to be followed. The five-man committee is to probe for facts. They will have access to the union books and to an audit soon to be completed by a Los Angeles Certified Public Accounting firm. The fact-finders will then present their report to the general membership at the next regular meeting.

The membership will make the decision as to Tidwell's fate. Womack allowed no discussion of future moves. Some wished to know what would happen if the committee found Elliott's charges untrue and conversely what would happen to Tidwell if the accusations were proved.

Copies of the charges brought by Elliott will be presented Thursday before Tuesday. Some time after that Womack will summon the five-man board and start the hearings.

Names of the committee members were not announced.

Absentee Ballot Deadline Set

Los Angeles City Clerk Walter Peterson yesterday announced that persons in the Shoring Strip who expect to be absent from the city on primary day, April 7, have until April 2 in which to obtain their absentee ballots.

The Division of Elections at room 203, City Hall, Harold F. Jones, deputy in charge, is now opened for absentee voters to obtain ballots and for the benefit of those who will cast their ballots now. Any registered voter, who will be absent on election day and unable to vote at the City Hall prior to April 7, or anyone who is ill and unable to cast his or her ballot on election day may make written application for an absentee ballot prior to April 2.

College Group To Adopt War Orphaned Child

Inter-Club Council, an organization which represents all clubs, fraternities, and societies on the El Camino College campus, stepped into the role of foster parents this week.

Members voted to adopt a war orphan under the Foster Parents Plan, through which financial support is sent for the support of a child orphaned by war in Europe or Asia.

A total of \$150 per year is the minimum support fund to be given, Judy Steen, Inter-Club chairman, said.



INDUSTRY COMMENDED . . . Chatting with two high-ranking Army Ordnance officers following the presentation of Army commendations Thursday noon are D. S. Faulkner, left, retired vice-president of the National Supply Co., and John Spalding, right, works manager of the Torrance plant.

Objects to Pay

Tidwell objected to a motion to continue paying Anderson on the grounds he was not on the union business at the time of the accident.

"Andy was only working that night to hang 'Hack' Tidwell," shouted the accused union official, President Elliott responded that it had been the policy of the union to pay hospitalized employees and stated that the union had paid Tidwell when he was hospitalized and also had paid his hospital bills.

The motion to continue the pay of Anderson carried unanimously.

It was a "hot and heavy" meeting with at least 50 per-